respect, from the State Governments during the year 2004-05, funds to the tune of Rs. 724.68 lakh have been sanctioned for Punjab and Rs. 1077.94 lakh for Chhattisgarh for development and promotion of tourism there.

(c) No, Sir. There is no such scheme under consideration.

(d) Does not arise.

Cultural Tourism

3525. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to make India as a Cultural Tourism destination, with a view to earn revenue;

(b) if so, whether necessary infrastructure will be made therefor; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (c) Ministry of Tourism is aware that India is a Cultural Tourism destination and has taken several steps to boost the development of Tourist infrastructure at such places through its scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development of Tourist Circuits and Destinations. Ministry of Tourism, in coordination with Ministry of Culture, also takes steps on a continuous basis, to enhance the quality and presentation of the area in and around the Monuments/Cultural/World Heritage sites/destinations in the country.

Special Tourism Sector in U.P.

†3526. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any proposal regarding special tourism sector in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government on this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) No, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.